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Re: Application Ser. No. 09/738,212 (Case 4-118-8353B)-Resubmission of Reply and Terminal Disclaimer

Pursuant to your request, attached is the reply and terminal disclaimer that was previously filed on January 8, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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Art Unit: 1617

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Examiner: A. Berman

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CYCLOSPORINE WITH A POLYETHOXYLATED SATURATED

HYDROXY-FATTY ACID

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## COMMUNICATION

Sir:

As requested by the Examiner and in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed March 15, 2004, Applicants resubmit the reply and terminal disclaimer that was filed on January 8, 2004 in response to the BPAI decision dated November 10, 2003. A copy of the datestamped postcard indicating that the reply was timely received by the U.S. PTO is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REPLY

Sir:

This is in response to the BPAI decision dated November 10, 2003.

Cancel claims 31-33 without prejudice to applicants' rights thereto.

The remaining claims are 21-30, which stand rejected solely for double patenting over application 09/547,802. Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer over said application, which moots the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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